

What is claimed is:

1. An instrument bezel for a vehicle, comprising:
a body configured to surround a window of an instrument cluster
assembly of said vehicle; and
5 an instrument mount secured to said body.
2. The instrument bezel of claim 1, wherein said instrument mount is
integrally formed with said body.
- 10 3. The instrument bezel of claim 1, wherein:
said instrument cluster assembly includes a ^{existing} speedometer,
said body is formed by an upper body portion, a lower body portion, a
right side portion coupled to a first side of said upper body portion and a first side
of said lower body portion, and a left side portion coupled to a second side of
15 said upper body portion and a second side of said lower body portion,
said upper body portion, said lower body portion, said right side portion,
and left side portion collectively define an opening, whereby said speedometer is
visible to a driver of said vehicle through said opening.
- 20 4. The instrument bezel of claim 3, wherein said upper body portion, said
lower body portion, said right side portion, and left side portion of said body are
~~integrally formed with one another.~~

~~5. The instrument bezel of claim 3, wherein said instrument mount is~~
positioned proximate to said lower body portion.

6. The instrument bezel of claim 5, further comprising a second
5 instrument mount disposed proximate said lower body portion.

7. The instrument bezel of claim 6, wherein:
said first instrument mount is positioned proximate to said right side
portion, and
said second instrument mount is positioned proximate to said left side
portion.

8. The instrument bezel of claim 3, wherein said instrument mount is
disposed proximate to said upper body portion.

9. An after-market instrument bezel adapted to replace an original
dashboard bezel surrounding a window of an instrument cluster assembly of a
vehicle, comprising:

a body substantially conforming in dimension to said original dashboard
20 bezel; and
an instrument mount secured to said body.

10. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 9, wherein said instrument mount is integrally formed with said body.

11. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 9, wherein:
5 said instrument cluster assembly includes a speedometer,
said body is formed by an upper body portion, a lower body portion, a right side portion coupled to a first side of said upper body portion and a first side of said lower body portion, and a left side portion coupled to a second side of said upper body portion and a second side of said lower body portion,
10 said upper body portion, said lower body portion, said right side portion, and left side portion collectively define an opening, whereby said speedometer is visible to a driver of said vehicle through said opening.

12. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 11, wherein said upper
15 body portion, said lower body portion, said right side portion, and left side portion of said body are integrally formed with one another.

13. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 11, wherein said instrument mount is positioned proximate to said lower body portion.

20 14. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 13, further comprising a second instrument mount disposed proximate said lower body portion.

~~15. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 14, wherein:~~

~~said first instrument mount is positioned proximate to said right side
portion, and~~

~~said second instrument mount is positioned proximate to said left side
5 portion.~~

~~16. The after-market instrument bezel of claim 11, wherein said
instrument mount is disposed proximate to said upper body portion.~~

~~10 *[Signature]* 17. A method of adding an additional instrument to a vehicle, comprising
the steps of:~~

~~removing an original dashboard bezel from said vehicle so as to expose a
bezel mounting space; and~~

~~15 installing an instrument bezel in said bezel mounting space, said
instrument bezel having (i) a body substantially conforming in dimension to said
original dashboard bezel, and (ii) an instrument mount secured to said body, said
instrument mount being adapted to retain said additional instrument.~~

~~*[Signature]* 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising positioning said additional
20 instrument in said instrument mount of said instrument bezel, wherein said
positioning step is performed prior to said installing step.~~

19. A kit for mounting a supplemental instrument in a vehicle, said kit

comprising:

an instrument bezel having (i) a body substantially conforming in dimension to an original dashboard bezel of said vehicle, and (ii) an instrument mount secured to said body, said instrument mount being adapted to retain said additional instrument; and

a number of printed instructions for installing said instrument bezel in said vehicle.

20. A method of adding an additional instrument to a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

removing a first dashboard bezel from said vehicle such that said first dashboard bezel is spaced apart from a window of an instrument cluster assembly associated with said vehicle; and

securing a second dashboard bezel to said vehicle such that said second dashboard bezel is positioned proximate to said window of said instrument cluster assembly, said second dashboard bezel having (i) a body substantially conforming in dimension to said first dashboard bezel, and (ii) an instrument mount secured to said body, said instrument mount being adapted to retain said additional instrument.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein said securing step includes the step of securing said second dashboard bezel to said vehicle such that said second dashboard bezel contacts said window of said instrument cluster assembly.

5 22. The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of positioning said additional instrument in said instrument mount of said second dashboard bezel, wherein said positioning step is performed prior to said installing step.

23. A dashboard assembly for a vehicle, comprising:

10 an instrument cluster assembly having a first instrument and a window through which said first instrument is visible to a driver of said vehicle; and
a bezel having (i) a body which defines a viewing opening, said bezel is mounted in relation to said instrument cluster assembly such that said first instrument is visible to said driver of said vehicle through said viewing opening,
15 and (ii) an instrument mount secured to said body.

24. The dashboard assembly of claim 23, wherein said instrument mount is integrally formed with said body.

20 25. The dashboard assembly of claim 22, further comprising a second instrument, wherein said second instrument is secured within said instrument mount.

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